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PVT. DOBERMAN

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HEY, SARGE! BRACE YOURSELF FOR SOME BAD NEWS! THIS OUTFIT HAS TO TAKE BASIC TRAINING!
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YOU PROBABLY GOT IT ALL WRONG! BASIC TRAINING IS FOR RECRUITS! WE'VE ALL HAD OURS YEARS AGO!
WHAT? YOU KIDDING US?
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NO, SARGE--I DIDN'T FORGET.' I NEVER TOOK ANY.' WHAT'S IT LIKE?
DOBERMAN, YOU HAD TO TAKE BASIC TRAINING WHEN YOU GOT INTO THE ARMY.'
NOW THINK HARD.' WHAT DID YOU DO THE FIRST FEW WEEKS YOU GOT INTO THE ARMY?
I PRACTISED EATING IN THE MESS HALL, SARGE.'
EATING? IS THAT ALL YOU DID? DIDN'T YOU DO ANY DRILLING AND HIKING? AND GO OVER THE OBSTACLE COURSE?
GEE, NO, SARGE. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME.'
DIDN'T HAVE TIME?
I WAS TOO BUSY EATING!
ERNIE, WHAT'CHA GONNA DO?
I BETTER SEE THE OLD MAN... MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE OF TALKING HIM OUTTA THIS.'
BASIC TRAINING AT MY AGE? UGH.' WHAT A THOUGHT.' IF YOU'RE NOT IN SHAPE, THAT STUFF'LL KILL YOU.'

PVT. DOBERMAN

HUT, TWO, THREE, FOUR-- ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR--
?
COL. J. HALL
ONE, TWO, THREE--
OH, BILKO! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE! COME IN.
YES, SIR!
COL. J. HALL
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE EXERCISE TO KEEP A MAN IN SHAPE!
HOW TRUE, SIR! AND IF I MAY SAY SO, SIR, YOUR PHYSIQUE WOULD DO CREDIT TO A MAN HALF YOUR AGE, SIR. AND ALL THROUGH EXERCISE? REMARKABLE, SIR!
THUMP! THUMP!
IT'S COMMON SENSE, BILKO. IF YOU DON'T USE AN ENGINE, IT RUSTS, EH?
WELL, YES, I SUPPOSE, AS A RULE, SIR. BUT--
THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD THESE ORDERS CAME THROUGH FROM GENERAL MULLIN AT THE PENTAGON! REFRESHER COURSES FOR ALL ENLISTED PERSONNEL! JUST THINK, BILKO, ALL MY MEN WILL BE BACK IN SHAPE AGAIN!
BUT--

OF COURSE, SIR. JUST AS YOU PLEASE, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK BASIC TRAINING IS NECESSARY AGAIN FOR MY MEN!
I ASSURE YOU, SIR, THEY'RE ALL FIT AS FIDDLES!
FIDDLES ISN'T ENOUGH, BILKO! I WANT THEM TO BE FIT AS SOLDIERS!
FIT AS SOLDIERS? HA-HA! VERY CLEVER, SIR! THE COLONEL IS IN FINE FETTLE TODAY. BUT IF I MAY SAY, I OVERHEARD SOME OF THE MEN -- I'M AFRAID THEY WEREN'T TOO PLEASED, SIR, IT'S A QUESTION OF MORALE--
MORALE?
WHY, THAT'S THE BEST PART OF THIS NEW PROGRAM! JUST THINK HOW HAPPY THE MEN WILL BE TO GET A TWO WEEK FURLOUGH ANY PLACE IN THE COUNTRY THEY DESIRE!
WHAT? TWO WEEK FURLOUGH? JUST FOR TAKING --
EXACTLY! ALL THE UNITS WILL BE GRADED ACCORDING TO PERFORMANCE! THOSE WITH A PERFECT SCORE GET THEIR FURLOUGH!
OH!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED! I'LL SHOW GEN. MULLIN THERE'S NO FAT IN THIS COMPANY.
SMACK!
GULP NO FAT?
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AND DON'T FORGET, BILKO-- I EXPECT YOU TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAM, TOO.' THERE'LL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.'
EXCEPTIONS, SIR?
THAT'S RIGHT.' I'VE INSTRUCTED THE MEDICS TO REPORT TO ME THE MOMENT YOU TURN UP FOR SICK CALL WITH FLANGE FOOT, HOUSEMAID'S KNEE, OR BLEMERHAVEN'S DISEASE.'
BLEMERHAVEN, SIR? I DON'T BELIEVE I EVEN KNOW HIM, SIR--
ACTUALLY, SIR, THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY YOU'RE GIVING US, SIR-- SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE- ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR.
WHAT?
OF COURSE! THE CHANCE TO BE FIT AGAIN! TO RECAPTURE THE VIGOR THAT WAS ONCE OURS! TO BE STRONG AND SINEWY AS WE WERE--
WELL, I'M NOT PROMISING ALL THAT, BILKO.' IT'S JUST A SHORT COURSE THIS TIME--
AND I'M WILLING TO WAGER, SIR, THAT MY MEN OF THE MOTOR POOL WILL OUT-PERFORM ANY PLATOON ON YOUR POST, SIR. EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM, SIR-- DEVOTED, LOYAL-- EVEN THOUGH THEIR REAL DUTY MIGHT LIE ELSEWHERE.'
ELSEWHERE?
I TALK ABOUT MEN LIKE PVT. DOBERMAN, SIR.' NOT A WORD OF COMPLAINT EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE HIS LAST CHANCE TO SEE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.'
WHAT? DOBERMAN? I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD A FAMILY.' WHAT'S WRONG?

SHE'S THREATENED TO LEAVE HIM, SIR.' AFTER ALL, WHEN A MAN HASN'T SEEN HIS FAMILY FOR YEARS--TEARS UP FURLOUGHS WHENEVER THEY'RE GIVEN HIM--
TEARS UP HIS FURLOUGH PAPERS? WHY?
WHY, SIR? BECAUSE HE'S LOYAL, SIR. CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO BE HERE--SERVING YOU.'
WELL, THAT'S VERY COMMENDABLE, BUT--
OF COURSE, THIS TIME THE OPERATION MIGHT BE FATAL, AND THAT WOULDN'T BE TOO GOOD--
OPERATION? WHAT OPERATION?
THE POOR WOMAN HAS JUST WITHERED AWAY WITH GRIEF AND LONELINESS, SIR. AND NOW THE DOCTORS SAY--OF COURSE I'M SURE IT'S NOT NECESSARY--IT'S PSYCHOSOMATIC, SIR-- A STATE OF MIND--
BUT THE DOCTORS--ARE YOU SURE--
WHAT WORRIES ME NOW IS WHAT THE PAPERS WILL SAY--'GI DENIED EMERGENCY LEAVE TO SATISFY THE WHIM OF POWER HUNGRY--"
PAPERS? NEWSPAPERS? WHAT HAVE THEY TO DO--
WELL, SIR, AFTER ALL, THEY ARE THE WATCH-DOGS OF OUR SOCIETY, AND IF A POOR PRIVATE CAN'T BE SPARED TO SEE HIS WIFE AND FAMILY AT A TIME WHEN--
BILKO.' WAIT.' I'M SIGNING FURLOUGH PAPERS FOR PVT. DOBERMAN RIGHT NOW.' AND IF HE NEEDS MONEY--ANYTHING--LET ME KNOW.'

SARGE, WE WERE WORRIED! HOW'D YOU DO?
FINE! I JUST WANGLED A FURLOUGH FOR DOBERMAN!
DOBERMAN? WHAT'S HE NEED A FURLOUGH FOR? WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US?
WHY? BECAUSE IF WE GET DOBERMAN OUT OF THE WAY, WE ALL GET A CHANCE TO GET A TWO WEEK FURLOUGH AT THE PLACE OF OUR CHOICE!
A TWO WEEK FURLOUGH? I DON'T GET IT.
IT'S SIMPLE! THE PLATOONS ARE GOING TO BE RATED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE. WHOEVER DOES BEST, WINS THE FURLOUGH!
NATURALLY, THE ONLY GUY THAT MIGHT FOUL US UP WOULD BE DOBERMAN -- THAT'S WHY I GOT HIS FURLOUGH NOW! TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY!
GEE, DID I HEAR RIGHT? A FURLOUGH FOR ME?
THAT'S RIGHT, DOBERMAN. I GOT THE PAPERS FOR YOU RIGHT HERE, C'MON, YOU LUCKY BOY, WE'LL HELP YOU PACK!
BUT SARGE--I JUST HAPPENED TO THINK! IF I TAKE MY FURLOUGH NOW, I'LL MISS THAT BASIC TRAINING COURSE! THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
HUH? WELL--ER--LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, DUANE. YOU WON'T REALLY MISS IT! WE'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT WHEN YOU GET BACK!
YEAH--YOU TELL US WHAT YOU DID AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE DID!
SAY, THAT SOUNDS FAIR.

LATER...
CAN YOU IMAGINE A THING LIKE THAT, ERNIE? A GUY'S AFRAID HE'LL MISS BASIC TRAINING?
YEAH! HE HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MINUTE, BUT HE OUGHTTA BE PACKED OFF BY NOW. GO TAKE A LOOK AND SEE--
SARGE! LOOK! DOBERMAN! HE'S STILL HERE!
WHAT?
DOBERMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AWAY ON YOUR FURLOUGH!
I KNOW, SARGE. BUT I'D BE AWFUL LONESOME WITHOUT YOU FELLOWS--SO I DECIDED TO SPEND MY FURLOUGH ON THE POST!
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SEA-SAWS
HERE COMES MARIE. I HEAR SHE'S VERY FICKLE!
I'M SORRY I'M LATE FOR OUR DATE, SHORTY!
YOU'RE THE NICEST BOY THAT I HAVE EVER MET!
AW- TELL IT TO THE MARINES!
I HAVE! TO DOZENS OF THEM!
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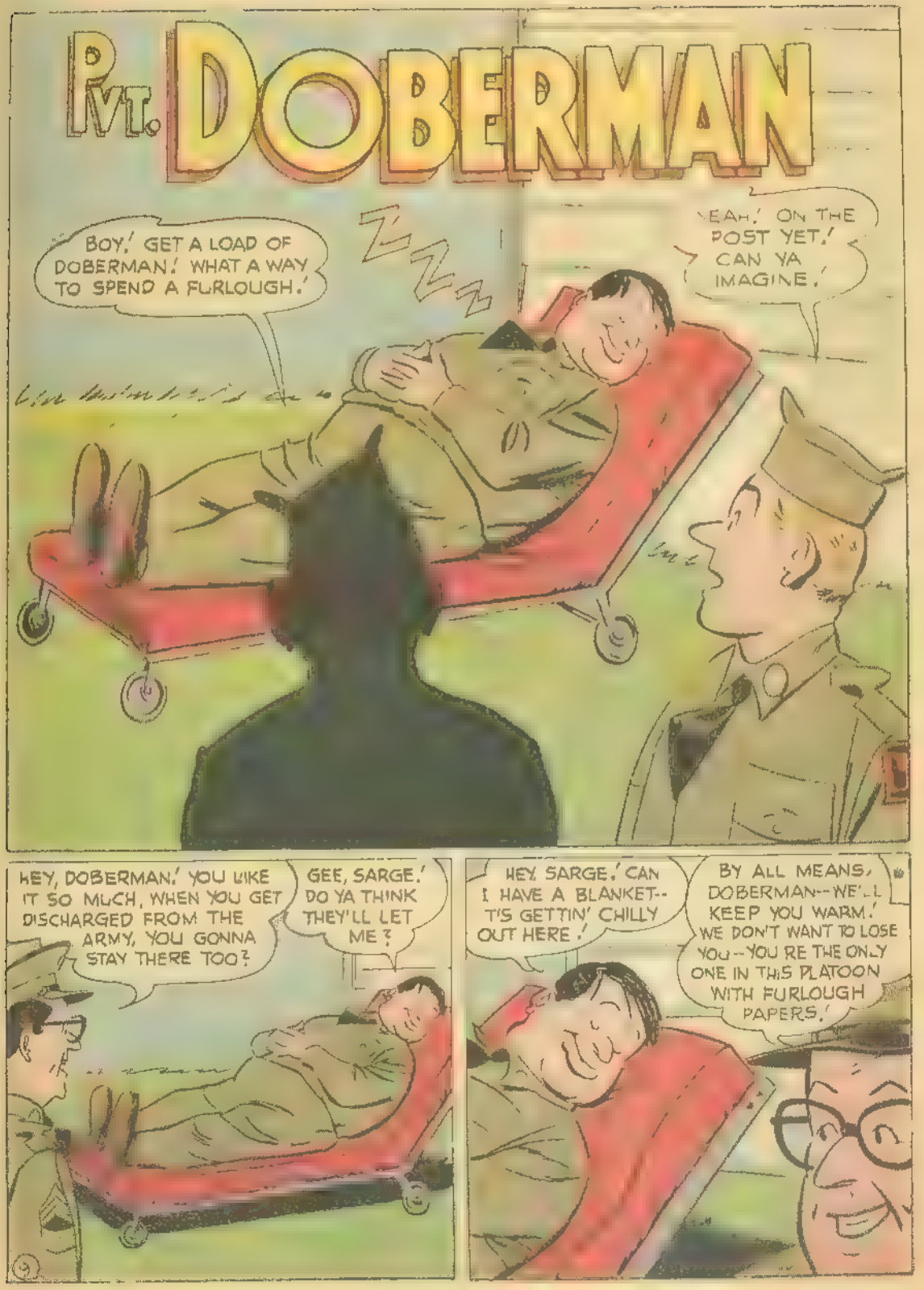
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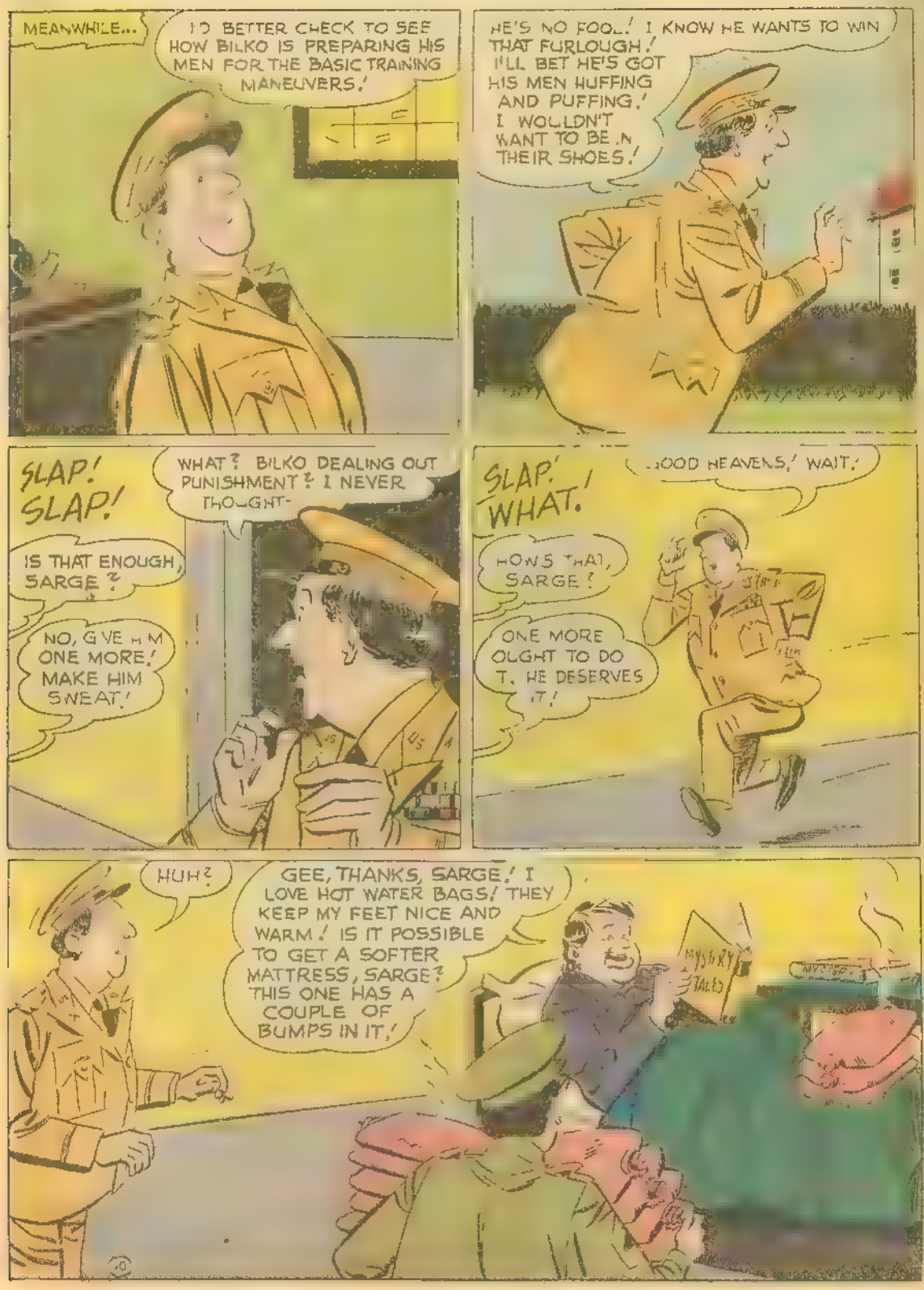
BOY,' GET A LOAD OF DOBERMAN! WHAT A WAY TO SPEND A FURLOUGH.'
ZZZZ
'EAH.' ON THE POST YET.' CAN YA IMAGINE.'
HEY, DOBERMAN.' YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH, WHEN YOU GET DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY, YOU GONNA STAY THERE TOO?
GEE, SARGE.' DO YA THINK THEY'LL LET ME?
HEY, SARGE.' CAN I HAVE A BLANKET-- T'S GETTIN' CHILLY OUT HERE.'
BY ALL MEANS, DOBERMAN--WE'LL KEEP YOU WARM.' WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU--YOU RE THE ONLY ONE IN THIS PLATOON WITH FURLOUGH PAPERS.'


MEANWHILE...
I'D BETTER CHECK TO SEE HOW BILKO IS PREPARING HIS MEN FOR THE BASIC TRAINING MANEUVERS.'
HE'S NO FOOL.' I KNOW HE WANTS TO WIN THAT FURLOUGH.' I'LL BET HE'S GOT HIS MEN HUFFING AND PUFFING.' I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THEIR SHOES.'
SLAP! SLAP!
WHAT? BILKO DEALING OUT PUNISHMENT? I NEVER THOUGHT-
IS THAT ENOUGH, SARGE?
NO, GIVE HIM ONE MORE.' MAKE HIM SWEAT.'
SLAP.' WHAT.'
GOOD HEAVENS,' WAIT.'
HOW'S THAT, SARGE?
ONE MORE OUGHT TO DO IT. HE DESERVES IT.'
HUH?
GEE, THANKS, SARGE.' I LOVE HOT WATER BAGS.' THEY KEEP MY FEET NICE AND WARM.' IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET A SOFTER MATTRESS, SARGE? THIS ONE HAS A COUPLE OF BUMPS IN IT.'
MYSTERY TALES

PVT. DOBERMAN

SGT. BILKO! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
OH, COL. HALL! I DIDN'T SEE YOU, SIR--
OH, I CAN EXPLAIN, COL. HALL! YOU SEE, I JUST-
NEVER MIND, HENDERSON. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
HENDERSON? HEY, SARGE! BOY, YOU SURE GOT A TERRIBLE MEMORY! MY NAME IS DOBERMAN! DUANE DOBERMAN! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
WHAT'S THAT?
ER - COUGH! COUGH!
BILKO! DIDN'T I MAKE OUT FURLOUGH PAPERS FOR YOUR HARDSHIP CASE-- A PVT. DOBERMAN?
ER--YES, SIR. YOU DID! AND MAY I SAY SO, SIR, HISTORY WILL VINDICATE YOU! ANY COMMANDER SO GENEROUS AS TO--
QUIET, BILKO! PVT. DOBERMAN, WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR LOVED ONES?
SURE I DO, COLONEL. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
BILKO! WHAT'S HE SAYING? HIS LOVED ONES HERE?
I CAN EXPLAIN SIR - IF YOU'LL STEP THIS WAY-- IT'S A DEL CATE MATTER, S.R--
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ER-YOU SEE, SIR-THIS WAS SUCH A HARDSHIP CASE, I TOLD PVT. DOBERMAN HIS FAMILY WAS COMING HERE. ACTUALLY THEY'RE NOT-- YET. THEY'RE ON THE WAY!
WHAT? COMING HERE?
WELL, SIR, I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET THE FURLOUGH FOR DOBERMAN, SO RATHER THAN DISAPPOINT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, I TOLD THEM IF THEY CAME HERE, THEY COULD SEE HIM!
GOOD HEAVENS
I'M SORRY, SIR, IF I--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BILKO! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO HUMAN! FOR ONCE I DON'T MIND YOUR TAKING MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS. POOR LITTLE KIDS!
AFTER ALL, HAVING THEM HERE FOR A FEW DAYS WON'T HURT--
A FEW DAYS? WHERE WILL THEY STAY?
DON'T WORRY, SIR. MY MEN AND I WILL CHIP IN. FOR A FEW DOLLARS I'M SURE WE CAN FIND THEM A CHEAP ROOM IN A HOTEL IN TOWN-- I'LL SEE THAT IT STAYS OUT OF THE PAPERS--
A CHEAP HOTEL? WAIT! I HAVE IT, BILKO! THEY CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE!
AT YOUR HOUSE, SIR? BUT--
I JUST REMEMBERED MRS. HALL AND I HAVE BEEN MEANING TO SPEND A WEEK-END WITH SOME FRIENDS. TELL PVT. DOBERMAN HE'S WELCOME TO USE MY HOUSE FOR HIS FAMILY!
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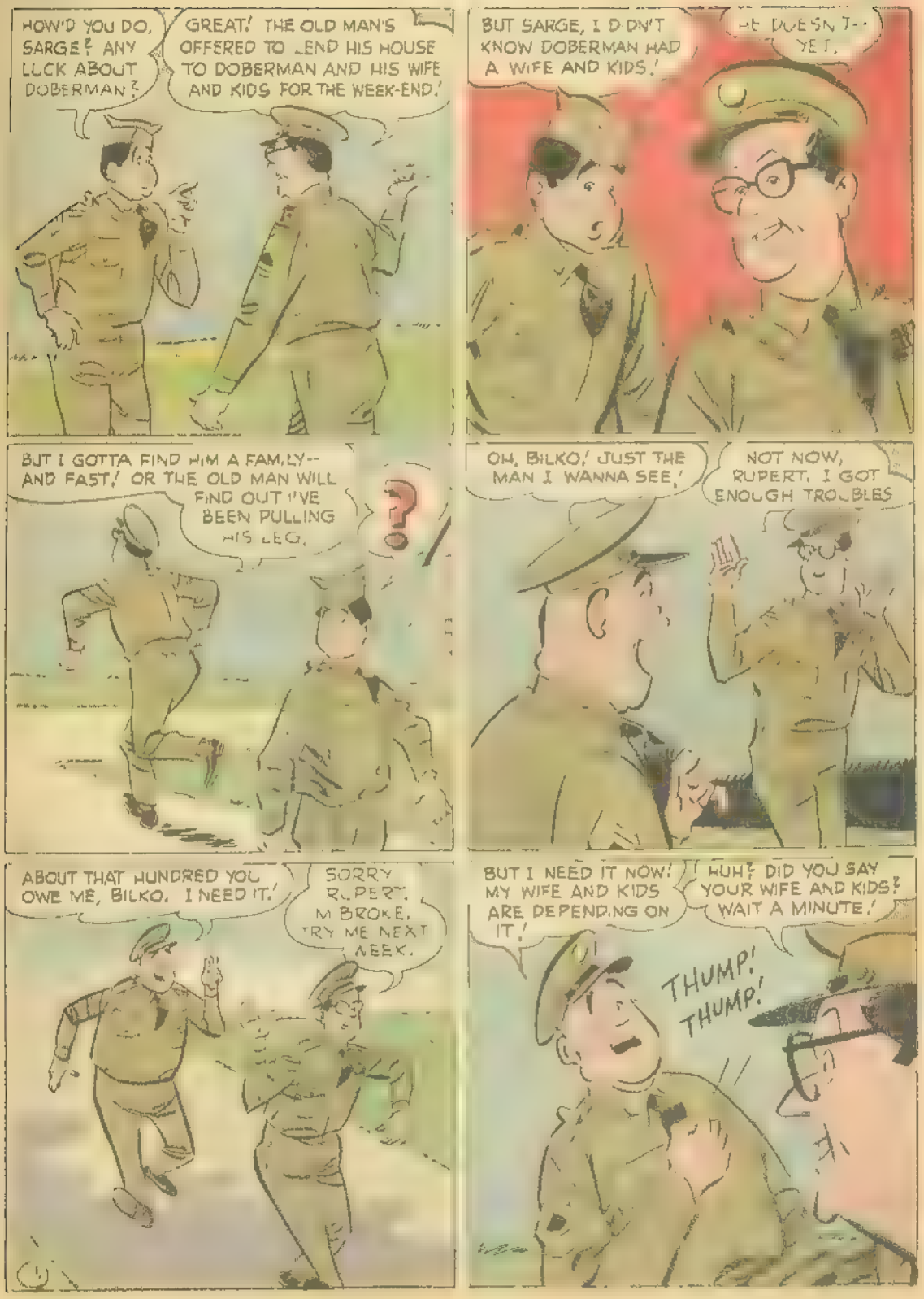
HOW'D YOU DO, SARGE? ANY LUCK ABOUT DOBERMAN?
GREAT! THE OLD MAN'S OFFERED TO LEND HIS HOUSE TO DOBERMAN AND HIS WIFE AND KIDS FOR THE WEEK-END!
BUT SARGE, I DON'T KNOW DOBERMAN HAD A WIFE AND KIDS!
HE DOESN'T-- YET.
BUT I GOTTA FIND HIM A FAMILY-- AND FAST! OR THE OLD MAN WILL FIND OUT I'VE BEEN PULLING HIS LEG.
?
OH, BILKO! JUST THE MAN I WANNA SEE!
NOT NOW, RUPERT. I GOT ENOUGH TROUBLES
ABOUT THAT HUNDRED YOU OWE ME, BILKO. I NEED IT!
SORRY RUPERT. M BROKE. TRY ME NEXT WEEK.
BUT I NEED IT NOW! MY WIFE AND KIDS ARE DEPENDING ON IT!
HUH? DID YOU SAY YOUR WIFE AND KIDS? WAIT A MINUTE!
THUMP! THUMP!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR WIFE AND KIDS, RUPERT? WHAT HAVE THEY TO DO WITH THE HUNDRED BUCKS?
OH I'VE BEEN PROMISING TO SEND 'EM ON A VACATION, AND SHE'S BEEN HOUNDING ME. IT'S GOTTA BE NOW!
VACATION? WHERE?
WHERE? ANYPLACE! JUST SO THEY GET OUT OF THE HOUSE,' SHE DON'T CARE WHERE!
HM.. VACATIONS CAN BE PRETTY EXPENSIVE, RUPERT. A HUNDRED BUCKS WON'T DO IT FOR YOU.
YOU KIDDING? IT'LL COST ME THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED DON'T I KNOW IT? THAT'S WHY I CAN USE THE $ 00 YOU OWE ME!
RUPERT SUPPOSE I TELL YOU I CAN GET A HOUSE FOR YOU AND YOUR WIFE, ALL TO YOURSELVES, WITH ALL CONVENIENCES NEAR A SWIMMING POOL GARDENS MOVIES, RESTAURANTS-- WITH 500 SERVANTS READY TO WAIT ON YOU HAND AND FOOT.
WHAT? NEVER MIND! I'LL COME BACK SOME OTHER TIME WHEN YOU'VE RETURNED FROM OUTER SPACE!
I'M HERE! AND I TELL YOU I CAN GET IT FOR YOU.
YOU'RE OUTTA YOUR HEAD. SUPPOSE YOU CAN GET IT, WITH ALL THAT AND 500 SERVANTS? WHO CAN AFFORD IT?
FOR THE HUNDRED I OWE YOU AND ANOTHER HUNDRED, IT'S YOURS.
OKAY, BLKO! YOU'RE ON.
HERE'S THE $100, WHERE'S THE PLACE?
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PVT. DOBERMAN

YOU JUST TELL YOUR WIFE AND KIDS TO GET DOWN BY THE MAIN GATE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.'
YOU WILL? WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?
DON'T WORRY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT, TOO.'
BOY! THAT SOUNDS GREAT! FOR ONCE EMMA WILL BE PROUD OF ME FOR DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.'
I HEARD EVERYTHING, SARGE,' DON'T TELL ME--
THAT'S RIGHT. I JUST GOT DOBERMAN A FAMILY. NOW I GOTTA GET DOBERMAN TO GET OVER THERE.'
BUT ERNIE--HOW YOU GONNA GET DOBERMAN TO STAY WITH RITZIK AND HIS FAMILY?
WHY NOT? THE COLONEL'S GOT A BIG HOUSE DOBERMAN ONLY NEEDS ONE ROOM. HERE HE SLEEPS WITH TWENTY OTHER GUYS IN ONE ROOM! IT'S A BIG IMPROVEMENT!
AND SO... DOBERMAN, I DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO SEE YOU SPENDING YOUR FURLOUGH HERE. YOU'RE ENTITLED TO MORE COMFORT ON YOUR FURLOUGH.
BUT SARGE-- I LIKE IT HERE. HONEST.'
SORRY DOBERMAN, THIS IS--HA-HA, AN ORDER. I WANT YOU TO MOVE INTO COLONEL HALL'S HOUSE RIGHT NOW.
GEE, SARGE, THAT'S AWFUL NICE OF YOU. ARE YOU SURE HE WON'T MIND?

MIND? IT'S ALL ARRANGED! C MON!
OH BOY!
OH BILKO! I GOT YOU JUST IN TIME! YOU'D BETTER GET DOWN TO THE MAIN GATE FAST!
MAIN GATE SIR? IS THERE SOME THING WRONG?
IS THERE! DOBERMAN'S WIFE AND KIDS! YOU WERE RIGHT, BILKO! THE POOR WOMAN IS DEFINITELY OUT OF HER MIND WITH GRIEF! SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HER OWN NAME! SHE THINKS HER NAME IS RITZIK! CAN YOU IMAGINE!
GOODNESS! WHY, THAT'S TERRIBLE, SIR!
SAY, THAT'S FUNNY... I COULDA' SWORN I KNEW SOMEBODY BY THAT NAME.
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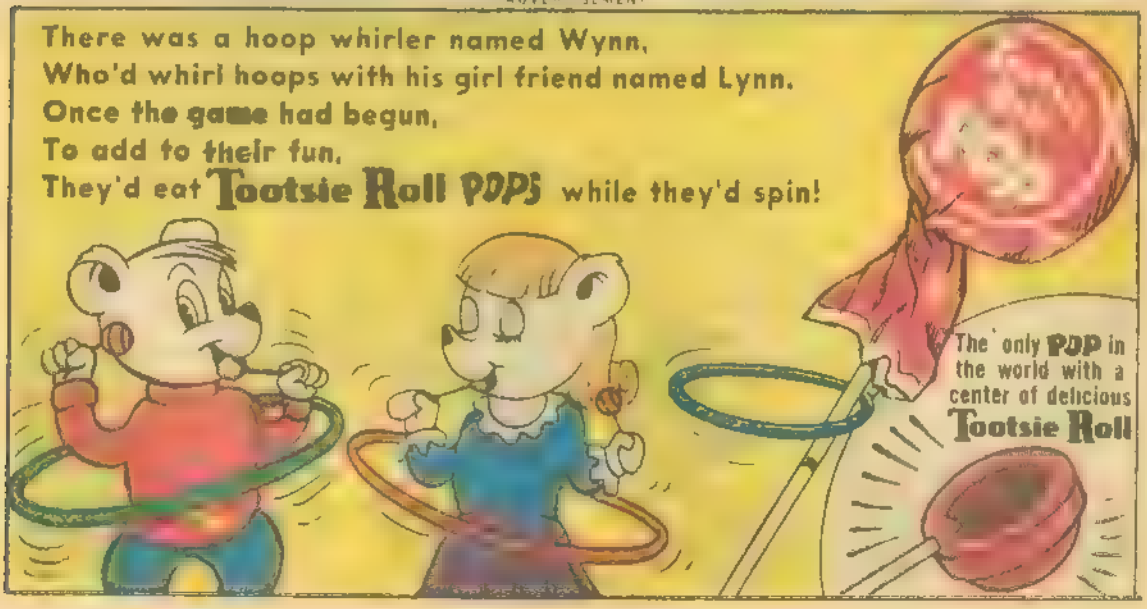
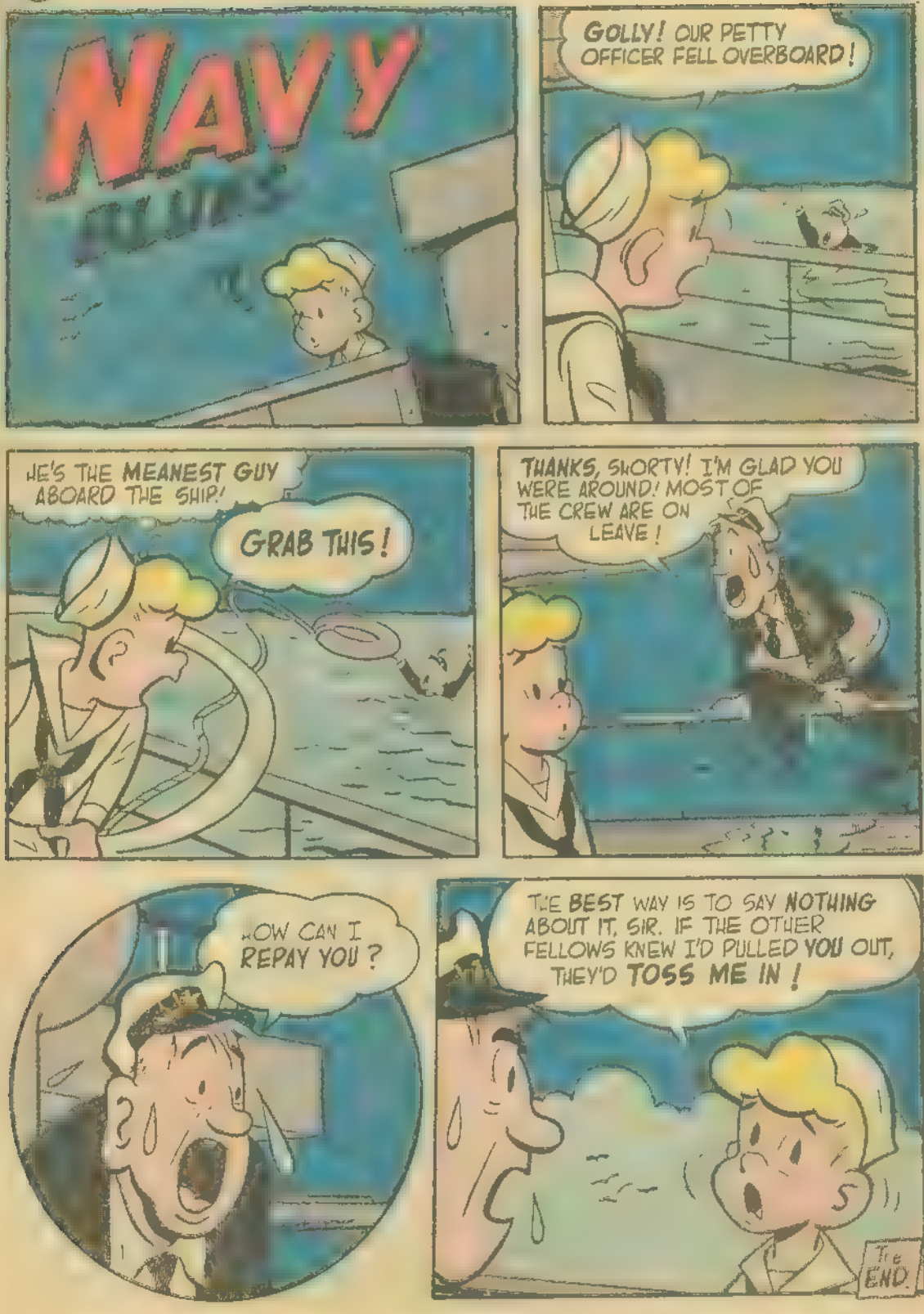
There was a hoop whirler named Wynn,
Who'd whirl hoops with his girl friend named Lynn.
Once the game had begun,
To add to their fun,
They'd eat **Tootsie Roll POPS** while they'd spin!




NAVY
GOLLY! OUR PETTY OFFICER FELL OVERBOARD!
HE'S THE MEANEST GUY ABOARD THE SHIP!
GRAB THIS!
THANKS, SWORTY! I'M GLAD YOU WERE AROUND! MOST OF THE CREW ARE ON LEAVE!
HOW CAN I REPAY YOU?
THE BEST WAY IS TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT IT, SIR. IF THE OTHER FELLOWS KNEW I'D PULLED YOU OUT, THEY'D TOSS ME IN!
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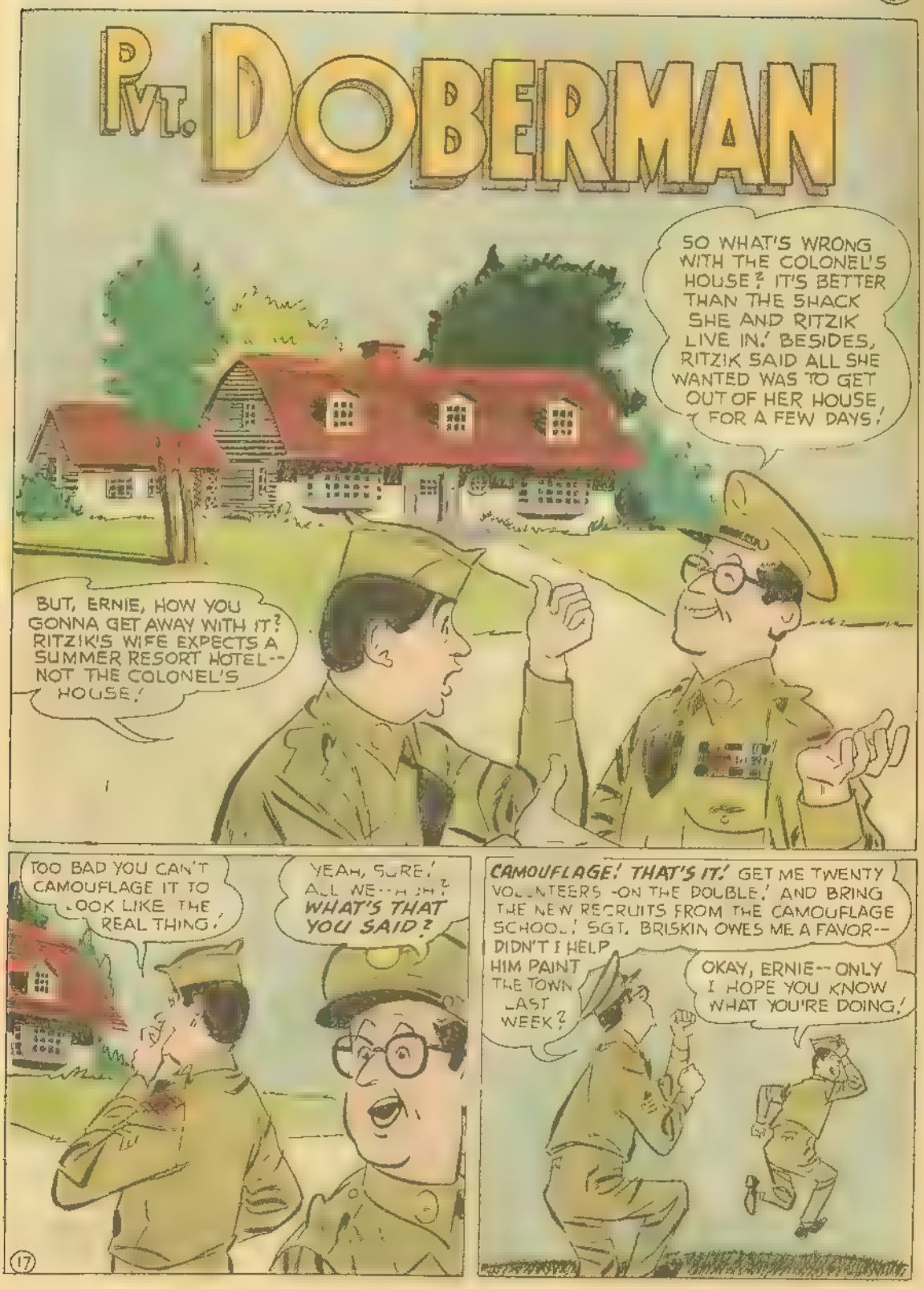
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SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE COLONEL'S HOUSE? IT'S BETTER THAN THE SHACK SHE AND RITZIK LIVE IN.' BESIDES, RITZIK SAID ALL SHE WANTED WAS TO GET OUT OF HER HOUSE, FOR A FEW DAYS.'
BUT, ERNIE, HOW YOU GONNA GET AWAY WITH IT? RITZIK'S WIFE EXPECTS A SUMMER RESORT HOTEL-- NOT THE COLONEL'S HOUSE.'
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T CAMOUFLAGE IT TO LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING.'
YEAH, SURE.' ALL WE--H-H?
WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID?
CAMOUFLAGE! THAT'S IT.' GET ME TWENTY VOLUNTEERS -ON THE DOUBLE.' AND BRING THE NEW RECRUITS FROM THE CAMOUFLAGE SCHOOL.' SGT. BRISKIN OWES ME A FAVOR-- DIDN'T I HELP HIM PAINT THE TOWN LAST WEEK?
OKAY, ERNIE-- ONLY I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.'
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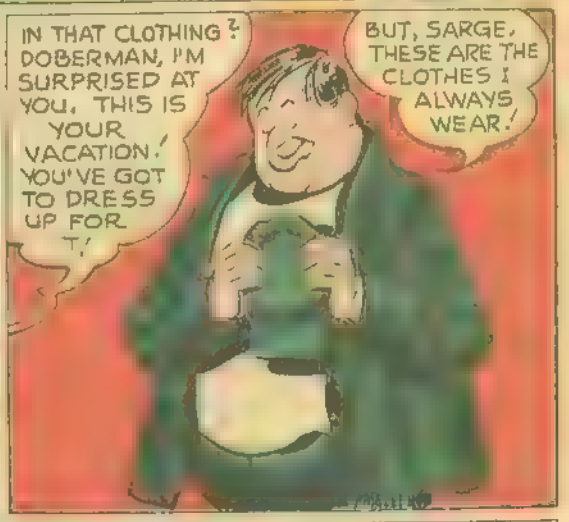
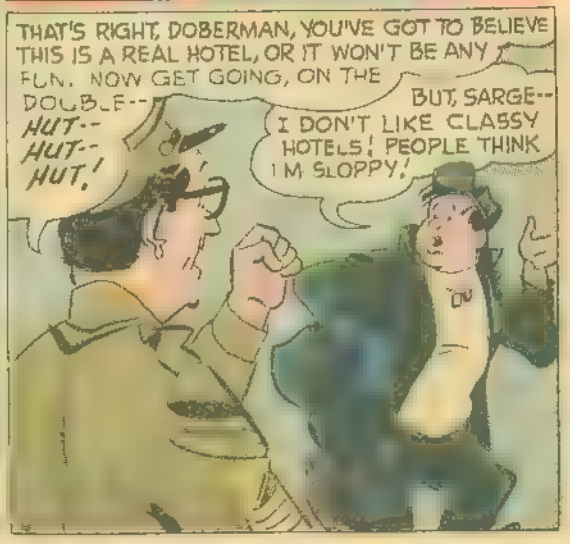
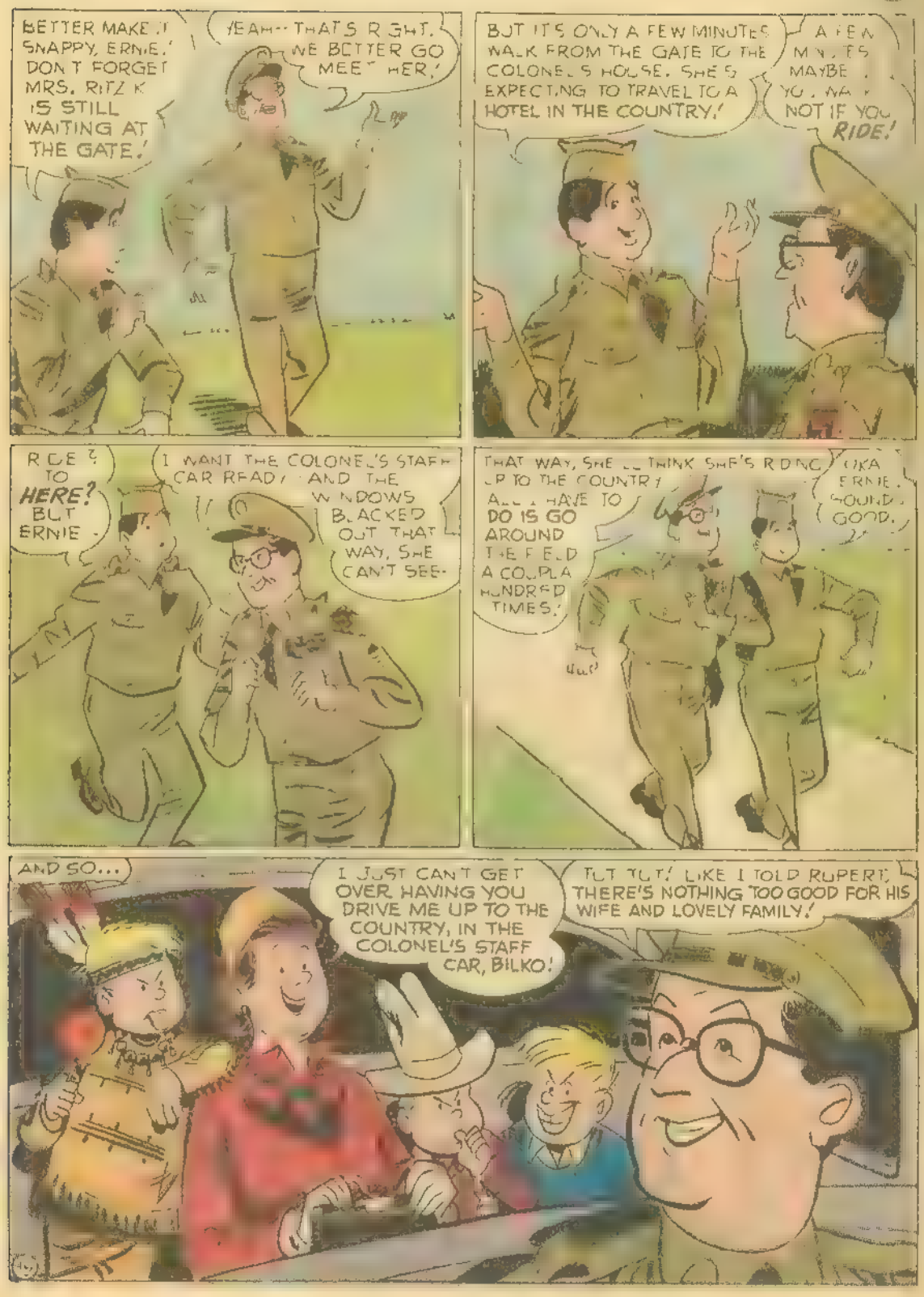
ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT. THIS IS TO TEST YOUR SKILL IN CAMOUFLAGE! WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, THIS PLACE MUST LOOK LIKE REST HAVEN, A MOUNTAIN RESORT HOTEL, GET ME?
RIGHT, SARGE--WHERE DO I PUT THESE SIGNS?
WE GOT A MOUNTAIN LAKE PAINTED ON THIS BACKGROUND, BILKO. WHERE DO YOU WANT IT?
WHERE DO WE PUT THE TREES, SARGE?

DOBERMAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER, SARGE? YOU TOLD ME TO COME HERE FOR MY FURLOUGH.


IN THAT CLOTHING? DOBERMAN, I'M SURPRISED AT YOU. THIS IS YOUR VACATION! YOU'VE GOT TO DRESS UP FOR IT!
BUT, SARGE, THESE ARE THE CLOTHES I ALWAYS WEAR!

SORRY, DOBERMAN, BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH! I WANT YOU TO WEAR YOUR FINEST! YOU KNOW-- SLACKS, SPORT SHIRT, SPORT JACKET--
YOU MEAN, SARGE, LIKE I WAS GOING TO A CLASSY HOTEL?


THAT'S RIGHT, DOBERMAN, YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THIS IS A REAL HOTEL, OR IT WON'T BE ANY FUN. NOW GET GOING, ON THE DOUBLE-- HUT-- HUT-- HUT!
BUT, SARGE-- I DON'T LIKE CLASSY HOTELS! PEOPLE THINK I'M SLOPPY!


BETTER MAKE IT SNAPPY, ERNIE. DON'T FORGET MRS. RITZ IS STILL WAITING AT THE GATE.
YEAH-- THAT'S RIGHT. WE BETTER GO MEET HER.
BUT IT'S ONLY A FEW MINUTES WALK FROM THE GATE TO THE COLONEL'S HOUSE. SHE'S EXPECTING TO TRAVEL TO A HOTEL IN THE COUNTRY.
A FEW MINUTES MAYBE. YOU MAY NOT IF YOU RIDE!
RIDE? TO HERE? BUT ERNIE--
I WANT THE COLONEL'S STAFF CAR READY AND THE WINDOWS BLACKED OUT THAT WAY, SHE CAN'T SEE-
THAT WAY, SHE'LL THINK SHE'S RIDING UP TO THE COUNTRY! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GO AROUND THE FIELD A COUPLA HUNDRED TIMES.
OKA ERNIE. SOUNDS GOOD.
AND SO...
I JUST CAN'T GET OVER HAVING YOU DRIVE ME UP TO THE COUNTRY, IN THE COLONEL'S STAFF CAR, BILKO!
TUT TUT! LIKE I TOLD RUPERT, THERE'S NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR HIS WIFE AND LOVELY FAMILY!

MY GOODNESS. I SURE GOT DARK OUTSIDE FAST! I CAN'T SEE A THING.
DON'T WORRY I KNOW THE ROAD.
BUT IT'S SO BLACK-- I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.
HA-HA--JUST AS I SUSPECTED! SOMEONE PAINTED THE WINDOWS WITH BLACK PAINT--EH, MRS. RITZIK? HA-HA!
MM, SMELL THE MOUNTAIN AIR, MRS. RITZIK? WHAT AROMA!
OH YES, BILKO, IT'S WONDERFUL!
LATER...
WELL, MRS. RITZIK, HERE WE ARE... REST HAVEN IN THE HILLS.
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE IT!
REST HAVEN
GOLF SHOP
RIDING ACADEMY
PENTS
WHY, BILKO! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! EVEN NICER THAN I PICTURED IT! RUPERT ALWAYS TAKES ME TO SUCH CRUMMY JOINTS.
HEH-HEH! WELL, WE AIM TO PLEASE, MRS. RITZIK!

AH, MRS. RITZIK? WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! WELCOME TO REST HAVEN LODGE!
OH THANK YOU VERY MUCH-- TEE-HEE!
AH! AND ARE THESE YOUR LOVELY CHILDREN? HOW NICE--
YES--ONLY DON'T GET TOO CLOSE-- THEY BITE!
HEH-HEH, YOU MUST BE JOKING! I HAVE THREE BOYS MYSELF--
C'MON OVER HERE, KIDDIES--
OWWGH!
LIKE I SAID-- THEY BITE--
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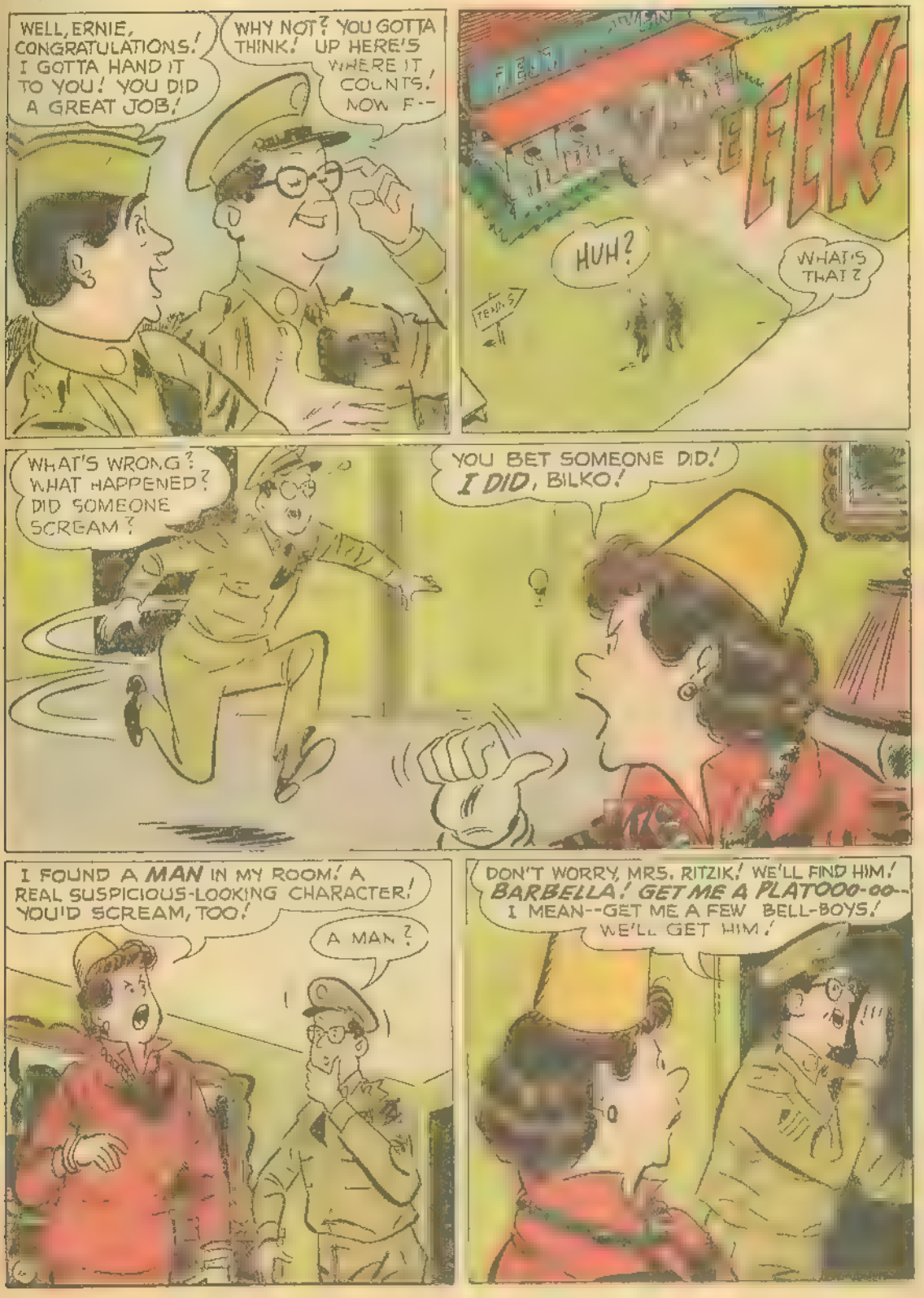
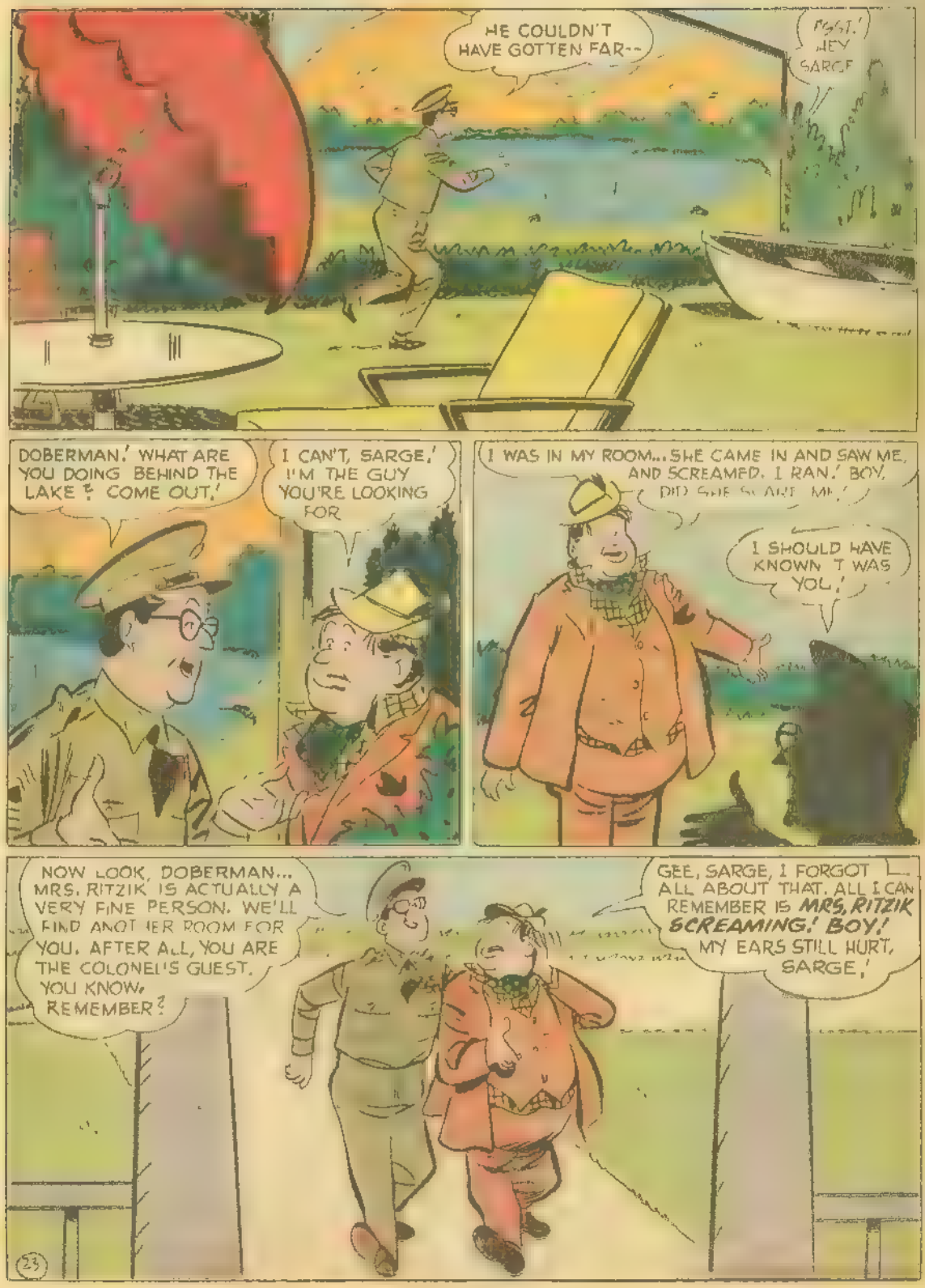

WELL, ERNIE, CONGRATULATIONS! I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU! YOU DID A GREAT JOB!
WHY NOT? YOU GOTTA THINK! UP HERE'S WHERE IT COUNTS! NOW F--
EEK!
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED? DID SOMEONE SCREAM?
YOU BET SOMEONE DID! I DID, BILKO!
I FOUND A MAN IN MY ROOM! A REAL SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTER! YOU'D SCREAM, TOO!
A MAN?
DON'T WORRY, MRS. RITZIK! WE'LL FIND HIM! BARBELLA! GET ME A PLATOOO-OO-- I MEAN--GET ME A FEW BELL-BOYS!
WE'LL GET HIM!


HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR--
PSST! HEY SARGE
DOBERMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BEHIND THE LAKE? COME OUT!
I CAN'T, SARGE! I'M THE GUY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
I WAS IN MY ROOM... SHE CAME IN AND SAW ME, AND SCREAMED. I RAN! BOY, DID SHE SCARE ME!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN 'T WAS YOU!
NOW LOOK, DOBERMAN... MRS. RITZIK IS ACTUALLY A VERY FINE PERSON. WE'LL FIND ANOTHER ROOM FOR YOU. AFTER ALL, YOU ARE THE COLONEL'S GUEST. YOU KNOW, REMEMBER?
GEE, SARGE, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT. ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS MRS. RITZIK SCREAMING! BOY! MY EARS STILL HURT, SARGE!
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PVT. DOBERMAN

BUT I'LL STAY HERE IF YOU SAY SO.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING. C'MON NOW, COMB YOUR HAIR--FIX YOURSELF UP.'
--AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, MRS. RITZIK. MR. DOBERMAN GOT HIS ROOM MATE UP WITH YOURS--
HMMM...I SEE. WELL, IN THAT CASE I'M SORRY I YELLED AT YOU, MR. DOBERMAN. I FEEL AWFUL ABOUT IT.'
TUT-TUT M' DEAR!
TELL ME, MR. DOBERMAN DO YOU COME UP HERE TO REST, HAVE NOT I?
MEAN, WHENEVER I NEED A REST-- HEH-HEH--HOW'M I DOIN', SARGE?
MEANWHILE...
HOLY SMOKE! I NEARLY FORGOT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING SOME FOOD OVER TO THE COLONEL'S HOUSE...
HE WAS HAVING A LATE PARTY OR SOMETHING...
I GUESS EMMA IS UP IN THE COUNTRY BY NOW, SO I'LL JUST DROP THIS STUFF OFF AND MAYBE SHOOT SOME POOL WITH THE BOYS. BOY! IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO HAVE EMMA AWAY. I CAN'T THANK BILKO ENOUGH!

REST HAVEN
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED? THE COLONEL'S HOUSE USED TO BE HERE. I MUST HAVE TAKEN A WRONG TURN SOMEPLACE.
?
WOW! I MUST'VE WALKED MILES TO GET THIS FAR UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS!
PARDON ME, BUDDY, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW I CAN GET BACK TO FORT BAXTER? I GOTTA GET TO THE COLONEL'S HOUSE.
IT'S RIGHT THERE. YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT.
GOLF SHO
RIDING ACADEMY
TENNIS
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I MUST BE DREAMIN'!
OH RUPERT! HOW NICE OF YOU TO COME TO SEE ME!
HUH--THAT'S EMMA'S VOICE! NOW I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED--I'VE FLIPPED! FLIPPED! FLIPPED!
RUPERT, SAY HELLO TO MR. DOBERMAN... HE'S STAYING AT THIS HOTEL, TOO!
HUH?
HOW DO YOU DO, I'M SURE!
WHAT HOTEL? YOU KIDDIN', EMMA? THIS IS COL. HALL'S HOUSE!
OH RUPERT, YOU'RE CRAZY! HE'S SUCH A KIDDER, MR. DOBERMAN!
?

HEY, ERNIE, YOU BETTER GET OVER FAST.' RUPERT JUST CAME OVER TO COL. HALL'S.'
RITZIK? WHAT'S HE DOING THERE?
MEANWHILE...
LEAVING THE PARTY SO SOON, COL. HALL?
YES, M'DEAR. I JUST REMEMBERED I FORGOT TO PLOT THE MANEUVERS FOR COMPANY "C" FOR TOMORROW. TELL MRS. HALL I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR OR SO.
--AND STAY AWAY.'
RUPERT, WHY CAN'T YOU BE SOCIABLE.!?
WHAT'S THIS?
AH.' DOBERMAN, GLAD TO SEE YOU DECIDED TO TAKE MY OFFER.' AND IS THIS YOUR CHARMING WIFE-- MRS. DOBERMAN?
WHAT?!
OH, NO, SIR. I DON'T HAVE A WIFE. IN FACT, I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED.'
SHE'S MY WIFE, COLONEL.' BUT I SWEAR I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING HERE. YOU SEE, BILKO SAID--
BILKO, EH? I THOUGHT SO-- WHERE IS HE?
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US

BILKO!
WERE YOU CALLING ME, SIR? WHY, HOW NICE YOU LOOK, SIR--MAY I SAY--
WELL, BILKO, I HOPE YOU AND YOUR MEN WILL BE HAPPY HERE. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LIKE CAMOUFLAGE, SO I HAD THE GUARD HOUSE DECORATED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
ER--YES, SIR. THANK YOU, SIR!
HEY, SARGE--BOY, THIS IS KEEN! NOW THIS IS THE KIND OF PLACE I SHOULDA SPENT MY FURLOUGH!
DON'T WORRY, DOBERMAN--YOU WILL!
AND MINE, TOO!
RAFFLE TICKET
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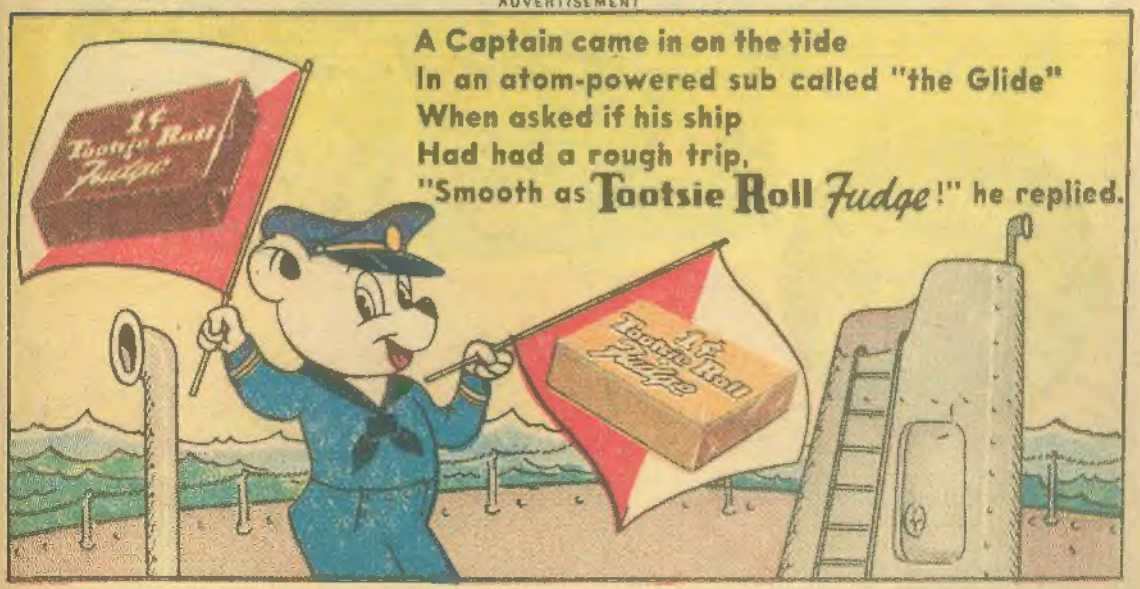
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